

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>NIGON=1</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/FR00/01624</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/018083</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>KIT FOR REMOVING A BLOOD VESSEL FILTER</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>13 June 2000</b>	PRIORITY CLAIMED <b>14 June 1999</b>
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Alain NIGON</b>		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) ) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li><li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected in a Demand by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).</li><li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li></ol></li><li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li><li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li><li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li><li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li></ol> <p><b>Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li><li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li><li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li><li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li><li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li><li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtesy copy of the first page of the International Publication (WO 00/76422)</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal drawings, 3 sheets, Figures 1-4.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtesy Copy of the International Search Report.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet</li></ol></li></ol> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The application is (or will be) assigned to: ALN, whose address is Route de la Gare, F-20240, Ghisonaccia, France.</p>		

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17. [xx] The following fees are submitted: <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a)(1) –(5):</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO..... <b>\$1040.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO..... <b>\$890.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO..... <b>\$740.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... <b>\$710.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... <b>\$100.00</b>  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b></div> Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [X] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	
				\$ 890.00	
				\$ 130.00	
Claims as Originally Presented	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	12 - 20		X \$18.00	\$	
Independent Claims	1 - 3		X \$84.00	\$	
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)			+\$280.00	\$ 280.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1,300.00	
Claims After Post Filing Prel. Amend	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	- 20		X \$18.00	\$	
Independent Claims	- 3		X \$84.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1,300.00	
Reduction of ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.				\$ 650.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$ 650.00	
Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$ 650.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00</b> per property +				\$	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$ 650.00	
				Amount to be:	\$
				refunded	
				charged	\$

a. [ ] A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. [X] Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038), authorizing payment in the amount of \$ 650.00, is attached.

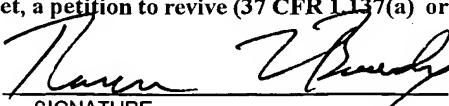
c. [ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. **02-4035** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment  
to Deposit Account No. **02-4035**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or  
(b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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